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In response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed August 14, 2006, please amend and reconsider the above referenced patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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